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TIMBER COMMITTEE
Sixty-second session

EUROPEAN FORESTRY COMMISSION
Thirty-second session

JOINT SESSION - PROVISIONAL AGENDA

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 5 to 9 October 2004
starting at 10.00 hours on Tuesday, 5 October

Opening of the session

1. Adoption of the agenda ECE/TIM/2004/1
FO: EFC/04/1
2. Arrangements for chairing the meeting

Policy forum

3. Forest products market developments and prospects TIM/2004/1
FO: EFC/04/2
4. Long term challenges for forest and timber policies and institutions in a wider Europe TIM/2004/2
FO: EFC/04/3
5. Forest law enforcement and governance: a significant problem in the UNECE region? TIM/2004/3
FO: EFC/04/4
6. The future role of the Timber Committee and the European Forestry Commission in the international forest policy dialogue TIM/2004/4
FO: EFC/04/5

DOCUMENTS - Joint Session documents will be distributed by mail and will also be posted at the Timber Committee/European Forestry Commission website:

<http://www.unece.org/trade/timber>

Business session:

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| 7. European Forestry Commission matters | FO: EFC/04/6 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) FAO forestry activities in the region - review of FAO Regular and Field programmes in Europe, including follow-up to requests and recommendations of the 31st session of EFC;(b) Forest fires: regional agreements for mutual assistance(c) AFWC/EFC/NEFC Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions - <i>Silva Mediterranea</i>;(d) Working Party on Management of Mountain Watersheds(e) Regional issues identified by the Commission for the attention of the Committee on Forestry(f) Election of officers;(g) Date and place of next session | |
| 8. Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training, fiftieth anniversary | TIM/2004/5
FO: EFC/04/7 |
| 9. Timber Committee matters | TIM/2004/6 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Matters arising from the fifty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Europe;(b) Directions for the UN Programme budget, 2006-2007 biennium;(c) Election of officers;(d) Date and place of next session. | |
| 10. UNECE/FAO strategic review and integrated programme of work for 2005-2008 | TIM/2004/7
FO: EFC/04/8 |
| 11. Other business | |
| 12. Adoption of the joint session report | |

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

	Agenda item	Morning session	Agenda item	Afternoon session
Monday, 4 October	(meeting of the team of specialists on markets and marketing)			
Tuesday, 5 October	1. 2. 3.	Adoption of the agenda Arrangements for chairing the meeting Forest products market developments and prospects	3.	Forest products market developments and prospects (cont.)
Wednesday, 6 October	4.	Long term challenges for forest and timber policies and institutions in a wider Europe	5.	Forest law enforcement and governance: a significant problem in the UNECE region?
Thursday, 7 October	6.	The future role of the Timber Committee and the European Forestry Commission in the international forest policy dialogue	7. 8.	European Forestry Commission matters Joint Committee 50th anniversary
Friday, 8 October	(9:00 to 11:00 hrs) 9. (11:00 hrs)	Drafting Committee Timber Committee matters	10. 11. 12.	UNECE/FAO strategic review and integrated programme of work for 2005-2008 Other business Adoption of report
Saturday 9 October	(8:45 hrs)	Study visit (see annex I) (half day)		

EXPLANATORY NOTES**OPENING**

Mrs. B. Schmögnerova, Executive Secretary of UNECE, and Mr. H. El Lakany, Assistant Director General of FAO will open the joint session of the Timber Committee and the European Forestry Commission.

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda (ECE/TIM/2004/1; FO:EFC/04/1)

In accordance with both bodies internal Rules of Procedure, the adoption of the agenda is the first item of the agenda.

Item 2. Arrangements for chairing the meeting

The joint meeting of the bureaux of the Committee and Commission proposed that the Chairmen of the two bodies be co-Chairmen of the joint session.

POLICY FORUM

Item 3. Forest products market developments and prospects (TIM/2004/1; FO: EFC/04/2)

For the joint session of the Timber Committee and European Forestry Commission, the traditional annual Timber Committee market discussions will have the theme of the links between forest policy and market policy. Delegations will be invited to review developments in 2004 and prospects for 2005 on the basis of the *Forest Products Annual Market Review 2003-2004* (Timber Bulletin, ECE/TIM/BULL/56/3), countries' written statements and forecasts. An agreed statement synthesizing the discussions and forecasts will be prepared during the session and published. A note by the secretariat will provide further information for the market discussion and country market statements.

- Market discussions

Theme: Links between forest policy and market policy

Topics:

- Policy issues affecting forest products markets;
- Economic developments related to markets;
- Value-added wood products;
- Sawnwood (softwood, hardwood (temperate and tropical))
- Certified forest products;
- Wood-based panels;
- Wood raw materials (including wood fuel markets).

- Market statements (printed and *electronic format*)

Delegations are reminded that their country market statements in English, French or Russian, are expected to reach the secretariat¹ by 27 September 2004. In preparing statements, please refer to specific instructions in the session announcement letter or on the website. Reports are requested in both printed and electronic format. The printed report (120 copies) will be distributed on the first day of the session, and an electronic copy for pre-distribution on the Timber Committee website.

- Country forecasts for 2004 and 2005 (prepared on the basis of a questionnaire to be sent out by the secretariat in July 2004) should be submitted not later than 27 September 2004. Supplementary copies of the questionnaire may be obtained from the secretariat on request, or from the Committee's website.

- Drafting Committee. It is proposed that the Drafting Committee meet at 09:00 hours on Friday, 8 October to consider the draft of the report concerning market developments and prospects, which will be approved by the Committee under item 11 of the provisional agenda.

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Item 4. Long term challenges for forest and timber policies and institutions in a wider Europe
(TIM/2004/2; FO: EFC/04/3)

This item will be based on the European Forest Sector Outlook Study (EFSOS) results, notably the conclusions on the shift in balance of the sector to the East. This will also enable the Timber Committee to contribute to the series of UNECE seminars on “A wider Europe”, organised by nearly all UNECE committees.

Item 5. Forest law enforcement and governance: a significant problem in the UNECE region?
(TIM/2004/3; FO: EFC/04/4)

Discussions under this item will be based on the findings of a workshop on the extent and causes of illegal logging in the UNECE region to be held in Geneva shortly before the joint session, on 16-17 September.

Item 6. The future role of the Timber Committee and the European Forestry Commission in the international forest policy dialogue (TIM/2004/4; FO: EFC/04/5)

Under this item, governments will have the opportunity to discuss what the future roles of the European Forestry Commission and the Timber Committee should be in the international forest policy dialogue, notably in the United Nations Forum on Forests and in the Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe, but also in other global and regional fora.

BUSINESS SESSION

Item 7. European Forestry Commission matters (FO: EFC/04/6)

- (a) FAO forestry activities in the region - review of FAO Regular and Field programmes in Europe, including follow-up to requests and recommendations of the 31st session of EFC;
- (b) Forest fires: regional agreements for mutual assistance
- (c) AFWC/EFC/NEFC Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions - *Silva Mediterranea*;
- (d) Working Party on Management of Mountain Watersheds
- (e) Regional issues identified by the Commission for the attention of the Committee on Forestry
- (f) Election of officers;
- (g) Date and place of next session

Item 8. Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training, fiftieth anniversary (TIM/2004/5; FO: EFC/04/7)

In 2004 the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. On the afternoon of Thursday 7 October, certificates will be awarded to individuals who have significantly contributed to the work of the Committee. A book on the major achievements of the Joint Committee will be presented.

Item 9. Timber Committee matters (TIM/2004/6)

(a) Matters arising from the fifty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Europe;

The Committee will be informed of the decisions adopted by the Commission at its fifty-ninth session, held in February 2004, which have a bearing on the work of the Committee. The Committee will be invited to take these decisions into account when discussing the Strategic Review of the programme of work under provisional agenda item 9.

(b) Directions for the UN Programme budget, 2006-2007 biennium;

The Committee will be invited to discuss its programme of work for the 2006-2007 biennium in the light of the Strategic Review. The Timber Committee programme is an input to the draft UNECE programme budget for 2006-2007.

(c) Election of officers;

In accordance with its Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Committee is expected to elect a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen, who will hold office until the end of the sixty-third session. At the sixty-first session, Mr. Gheorghe Florian Borlea (Romania), Chairman, and Messrs. Jeff Serveau (Canada) and Heikki Pajuoja (Finland) Vice-Chairmen, were reelected to hold office until the end of the sixty-second session.

(d) Date and place of next session

Provided that conference services are available, the week of 26-31 September 2005 has been provisionally reserved for the sixty-third session of the Committee to be held in Geneva.

Item 10. UNECE/FAO strategic review and integrated programme of work for 2005-2008 (TIM/2004/7; FO: EFC/04/8)

As agreed by the Committee and the Commission the Strategic Review process was launched in late 2003 by a wide consultation process comprising countries and other stakeholders. An extended Bureau meeting was held in April 2004 and the regular Bureau meeting last May finalised the draft Strategic Plan of the integrated programme of work of the Committee and the Commission for discussion and approval by the joint session.

Item 11. Other business

At the invitation of the Swiss Government a study visit will be organised on Saturday 9 October for delegates attending the joint session. The preliminary programme of the study visit is set out in Annex I.

Item 12. Adoption of the joint session report

The joint session will be invited to adopt its report on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat. The session will also be invited to approve formally the market statement based on the discussions under item 3, and approved by the Drafting Committee on Friday morning.

ANNEX I

STUDY VISIT

The Tower of Sauvabelin, Lausanne

9 October 2004

At the kind invitation of the Swiss Government a half-day excursion will take place on Saturday morning 9 October following the joint session of the UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission (4-8 October 2004). Set out below is the preliminary programme. As participation is limited to 50 persons, please indicate in the form in annex II if you wish to take part.

The Tower of Sauvabelin (Lausanne): aesthetics and high-tech in wood construction in the context of urban forestry

The tower was opened to the public in December 2003 and was designed by Prof. Julius Natterer (EPF-Lausanne). This high-tech and very aesthetic wood construction is perched on the heights of the city, the 151 steps of the tower lead out on to a platform situated more than 30 metres above ground-level, from which one enjoys a splendid view of the City of Lausanne, the Lake of Geneva, the Jura Mountains and the Alps. This new feature of the city of Lausanne is constructed entirely from wood from the city's forests, which are also intensively used for recreation.



Total height:	35 metres
Level of the platform:	30 metres
Diameter of the base:	12 metres
Construction:	wood from the forests of Lausanne (Douglas fir)
Weight:	approximately 80 tons
Numbers of steps:	150 half-walks for the way up 150 half-walks for the way down
Cost:	approximately CHF 1' 190' 000.-
Architect:	Prof. Julius Natterer Bois Consult Natterer SA - Etoy

More information:

www.lausanne.ch/view.asp?DocID=2615&Language=F&DomID=63055

On the way back to Geneva, a farewell aperitif would be organized in Mont-sur-Rolle (La Côte), where participants will have the chance to visit a wine cellar and to taste the famous wines of the City of Lausanne.

Note:

Clothing

The visit of the Tower of Sauvabelin does not require special walking equipments. However, if weather conditions require, warm and waterproof clothes are strongly recommended.

Provisional programme (to be confirmed)

Schedule	Programme
08.45 hours	Meeting time for the participants Meeting place: Place des Nations
09.00 hours	Departure from Geneva to Lausanne, Bois de Sauvabelin
10.00 hours	Presentation of the Tower of Sauvabelin (technical and architectural aspects)
11.00 hours	Visit of the Tower of Sauvabelin
11.30 hours	Departure from Lausanne to Mont-sur-Rolle
12.00 hours	Visit of the vineyards and the wine cellar of the Abbey of Mont-sur-Rolle (City of Lausanne)
12.30 hours	Farewell aperitif with light meal
13.00 hours	Fiftieth anniversary of the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training (H. Höfle and/or W. Schaerer)
13.30 hours	Departure from Mont-sur-Rolle to Geneva
14.00 hours	Arrival in Geneva (Place des Nations)

ANNEX II



UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA

Conference Registration Form, please fax to: 0041-22-917 0041 or e-mail to Cynthia.de.castro@unece.org

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5-9 October 2004

Joint Session of the UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission

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Delegation Member	NGO (ECOSOC Accred.)		
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